

FIELD NOTES.

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TUFTED TITMOUSE.—The Tufted Titmouse is rare in Erie County, Pa. The first one I had ever seen in this county came December 26 to some suet a few feet from the house and ate freely. He was very shy and nervous and was only seen at long intervals, until one morning he found a box of nuts. All fear vanished before such good fortune and he flew to the windows, searching for a place to store his booty. Failing to break in the house he tried to squeeze himself through the lattice under the porch, but he was too fat. He comes every day in company with two downy woodpeckers, two nuthatches, and five or six chickadees. As the food is to be found in a number of places on the bush, six or seven birds may often be seen feeding at the same time. Flickers are reported feeding on suet two blocks away.

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GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*).—I have had the pleasure of handling an immature male of this species, secured on November 13, 1908, at Dublin Gap, near Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, by Mr. Richard Dawson, a local sportsman. In this connection I wish to correct an earlier local record, erroneously accredited to the Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) (Cf. Wilson Bulletin, No. 18, Jan. '98, p. 4). Although it was captured within gun sound of my home, April 7, 1894, I had no opportunity to examine it at the time. It recovered from its wound and was kept for many years at the Sorrel Horse tavern on the Old Lancaster road in Delaware County, where Mr. W. L. Baily found it. (Cf. Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 1898, p. 4).

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LOON (*Gavia imber*) IN PENNSYLVANIA.—I have to record the third specimen and second female of the Loon (*Gavia imber*) from the flock occurring in the Chester valley on November 14, 1908. It had dropped from the flight, into Jeanes' mill dam, about a mile above where the first pair met their death, as already related. Here it tarried, lost and weakened. It seemed unable or unwilling to fly, and some men about the place caught it in a scoop net, examined and liberated it after receiving some bruises from its beak. It was found dead on the 10th of December, greatly emaciated, stomach empty, save a few rather coarse pebbles, and without a sign of a wound. It undoubtedly starved to death, as this body of water is practically without life suitable for food, having been recently cleaned after several car loads of quicklime had been accidentally dumped in the stream above. It is doubtful if a single member of this flock performed the flight successfully.

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